



Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

SEARCH Program	New York State Area Health Education Center (AHEC) System
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Project Service Focus	Urban/Central City, Rural
Length of Rotation	To be confirmed
Disciplines eligible for rotation	Medical and health professions
Project Infrastructure Focus	Training
Stipend/Living Cost	Housing and travel reimbursement may be available.
Disciplines eligible for rotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Psychology • Clinical Social Work • Dental Hygiene • Dentistry • Family Medicine • General Internal Medicine • General Pediatrics • Marriage and Family Therapy • Nurse-Midwifery • Nurse Practitioner • Obstetrics/Gynecology • Physician Assistant • Psychiatric Nursing • Psychiatry <p>*Please note not all disciplines are available in every area</p>

<p>General Description of Your Program</p>	<p>The New York State AHEC System, in collaboration with the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), will develop and implement a Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program for New York State to: 1) develop a statewide network of community health center (CHC) and community-based sites for health professional training programs; 2) recruit, place and support medical and other health professions students in CHC and other clinical rotations within Health Profession Shortage Areas (HPSAs); 3) work in collaboration with local health departments to recruit, place and support medical and other health professions students in community-based health experiences and projects within HPSAs; 4) create a faculty development training program to train and support SEARCH preceptors within CHCs and other HPSA placement sites; 5) establish a network of mentors to aide and support SEARCH participants; 6) create a statewide network of organizations to meet the primary care needs of the underserved; and 7) develop a detailed evaluation plan to document program outcomes and effectiveness.</p>
<p>Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program</p>	<p>SEARCH Program student/resident participants will participate in clinical placements and mentoring experiences with preceptors in HPSAs. Other student experiences will include community health projects such as 1) community assessment; 2) research on a specific community health problem; 3) health education, promotion and outreach; 4) survey of community resources; and 5) coordination of public health interventions (e.g., health screening, smoking cessation, and immunization programs).</p>
<p>List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through</p>	<p>TBD</p>